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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114 ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR **CONTINUING EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Response accompanies a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) in the above case. Also enclosed is a check for \$595.00, which covers the RCE fee and a two month extension of time fee. Applicants hereby request a two month extension of time. A Notice of Appeal was filed on June 11, 2003. With the two month extension of time, this response is due on October 10, 2003, and is therefore timely filed.

Amendments

Please enter the following amendments in this case.

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